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REMARKS

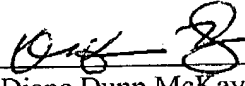
During a February 12, 2004 teleconference, the Examiner noted informalities in the claims.

Claims 4, 5, 8, and 16 have been amended to obviate the Examiner's rejection. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe that this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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